Upgrading road faciliteis with Wrld Bank loan

1294. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a ffact that road projects worth $ 1.5 billion are in the pipe line and that a World Bank loan of $ 300 million has been negotiated for upgrading road facilities in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No, Madam. It is not a fact that road, projects worth $ 1.5 billion are in the pipeline for World Bank loan assistance. A loan for US $ 306 million was negoiated and agreemeent signed with the World Bank in June 1992 for up-grading of National Highways in six States and reconstruction of six bridges on State Roads in Orissa.

बिहार में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग का विस्तार किया जाना

1295. श्री नरेश यादव : क्या **जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में पिछले 20 वर्षों से राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग की लम्बाई में कोई वृद्धि नहीं की गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि बिहार सरकार ने 1445 किलो मीटर लम्बे राजमार्ग के विस्तार की मांग की है: और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार बिहार में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग के विस्तार हेतु क्या ठोस कदम उठा रही है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर) : (क) और (ख) जी, हां।

(ग) आठवीं पंच वर्षीय योजना के दौरान केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र के सड़क कार्यक्रम के लिए बहुत ही कम निधियों के आवंटन के कारण, इस समय नए राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों की घोषणा कर पाना कठिन है।

Low progress in the development of Road network

1296. SHRI G. Y. KRISHAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the experts attending the Indian Road Congress in BHUBANESWAR recently, at the current pace of progress in the development of road network, the country is likely to fall far short of its target for 2001;

(b) if so, the reasons for the poor progress in road sector;

(c) whether Government propose to expedite its performance level in the remaining seven years of the plan period (1981—2001) to achieve the target of building 34,000 km of National Highway; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In the recently concluded Indian Road Congress's session in Bhubaneswar, a brief reference in respect of 20 -Year Road Development Plan (1981—2001) has been made. However, the targets/recommendations enunciated in the aforesaid document are basically recommendatory in nature and to serve as reference for the formulation of the Annual/Five Year Plans for the highway engineers for both at the State/Central level. The further additions in the National Highway system. I have not been possible due to various factors in cluding primarily the non-availability of substantial funds for the purpsoe. It is, therefore, too early to specify this position at its point of time.

Development of National Highways in urban areas

1297. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of development and maintenance of National Highways